

## Message Text

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R 310700Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9308  
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
CINCPAC  
USLO PEKING

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0602

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: XGDS 1, 4 DIMPTD  
TAGS: PGOV PINR VM CH  
SUBJECT: EMERGENCE OF TRUONG CHINH

1. THE CHIEF OF MISSION OF A WESTERN EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE  
TOLD US MAY 30 THAT HIS EMBASSY IN HANOI HAD REPORTED THAT  
SINCE MARCH, TRUONG CHINH HAD EMERGED AS THE MOST POWERFUL  
FIGURE IN THE VIETNAMESE LEADERSHIP TRIUMVIRATE WHICH ALSO  
INCLUDES LE DUAN AND PHAM VAN DONG. THE DIPLOMAT LINKED  
THIS DEVELOPMENT TO THE "STALINIST" TURN IN VIETNAMESE  
DOMESTIC POLICY RECENTLY.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO EVALUATE THIS  
REPORT. WE NOTE THAT AT THIS TIME OF RAPIDLY DETERIORATING  
SRV-PRC RELATIONS, TRUONG CHINH PREVIOUSLY WAS REGARDED  
AS "MAOIST" (THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY PRO-CHINESE.)

3. WE ALSO NOTE THAT TRUONG CHINH WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE DRACONIAN 1954-56 LAND REFORM POLICY IN NORTHERN  
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VIET NAM. THE HARSHNESS OF THE CURRENT SRV POLICIES  
CURRENCY REFORM AND CONFISCATION OF PRIVATE BUSINESSES  
IN SOUTHERN VIET NAM IS REMINISCENT OF THE EARLIER LAND  
REFORM. ROBERTS

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